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DOLE DISAPPOINTED BY POLITICAL POSTURING OF FARM BILL CONFEREES

WASHINGTON -- "Political posturing by some House Democratic members of the Senate/House farm bill conference is endangering chances of getting responsible legislation passed and signed into law this year," stated Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) this afternoon. "With Congress scheduled to adjourn in a few days, failure of the conference to report a bill will result in a return to the permanent 1949 law, which would be a catastrophe for American agriculture. I would hope that these Democratic conferees on the House side who represent agricultural districts will reconsider their vote."

Dole's remarks followed a House vote of 8 to 7 on Monday, after five weeks of conference meetings, to not accept a compromise proposal agreed to by the Administration and the Senate conferees. The compromise would reconcile differences over the dairy support program and loan rates and target prices for wheat, rice and feed grains for the next four years.